

Memorandum

10 September 1952

Subject: Apple Tree Team Resupply and Leaflet Drop September 5/6

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NAZI WAR CRIMES DISCLOSURE ACT
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1. The following is the report of the Apple resupply staged on September 5-6. Leaflets were dropped for cover purposes only. The mission was aborted as no reception was found at the DZ site.

2. Flight path:

	Time	Altitude
From Athens	2125	
To 37° 65'N 22° 54'E	2144	8000
To 38° 20'N 21° 51'E	2208	8000
To 38° 50'N 20° 41'E	2235	9000
To 39° 14'N 20° 10'E	2249	9000
To 39° 52'N 19° 24'E	2310	9000
To 40° 30'N 18° 30'E	2333	9000
To 41° 10'N 18° 40'E	2347	9000
To entry into Albania		
At 41° 35'N 19° 27'E	0003	9000
To D/Z #1 (Leaflets on highway north of Shullaz)		
At 41° 37'N 19° 37'E	0006	9000
To D/Z #2 (Leaflets on Boshig)		
At 41° 41'N 19° 59'E	0013	9000
To D/Z #3 (Leaflets on Domaj)		
At 41° 50'N 20° 09'E	0020	9000
To D/Z #4 (Resupply)		
At 41° 27'N 20° 23'E	0030	7500
To D/Z #5 (Leaflets on Tirana)		
At 41° 14'N 19° 42'E	0050	10000
To Exit from Albania		
At 41° 09'N 19° 26'E	0056	10000
To 40° 40'N 18° 50'E	0114	8000
To 39° 52'N 19° 24'E	0137	8000
To 39° 14'N 20° 10'E	0155	8000
To 38° 50'N 20° 41'E	0208	8000
To 38° 20'N 21° 51'E	0232	8000
To 37° 56'N 22° 54'E	0254	5000
To Athens	0310	

The total flight time was five hours and forty-five minutes, including fifty-three minutes over Albania.

2. The load consisted of 9 cartons of leaflets; 150,000 Symbol (550 lbs), 66,000 "Today and Tomorrow" (375 lbs), and 25,000 "Government of Thieves" (110 lbs) leaflets. Two cases were dropped at each of the first three D/Z's and three at Tirana. The resupply load consisted of four

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bundles containing items listed in attachment #3 and weighing 385 pounds. The four bundles were rigged to two parachutes to speed up the drop. However, the crew reported that on arrival at the DZ position, there were no reception lights visible. They flew three two minutes legs in different directions from the supposed DZ location and, seeing no further evidence of a reception, completed the flight without dropping the resupply bundles.

3. Radio communication was satisfactory throughout.

4. There were scattered thunderstorms in the Adriatic and northern Albanian but the weather was clear with good visibility along the flight path. The winds were substantially as forecast.

5. No enemy action was encountered.

6. The resupply mission was laid on again for the following night.

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Subject: Apple Tree Team Resupply and Leaflet Drop Staged September 6-7

To : C From : C

1. The following is a report of the second attempt at resupply for the Apple Tree Team. It was originally scheduled for September 5-6 but was aborted due to failure to locate the DZ. Leaflets were again dropped for cover purposes.

2. Flight Path:

	Time	Altitude
From Athens	2105	—
To 37° 56'N 22° 54'E	2120	8000
To 38° 20'N 21° 51'E	2148	8000
To 38° 50'N 20° 41'E	2217	8000
To 39° 14'N 20° 10'E	2236	8000
To 39° 52'N 19° 24'E	2300	8000
To 40° 30'N 18° 30'E	2326	8000
To 41° 10'N 18° 40'E	2343	8000
To entry into Albania		
At 41° 35'N 19° 27'E	2355	8000
To DZ #1 (Leaflets on Kruje)		
At 41° 25'N 19° 35'E	0002	8000
To DZ #2 (Leaflets on Bardhaj, Shelesh area)		
At 41° 46'N 20° 05'E	0014	8000
To DZ #3 (Possible resupply DZ)		
At 41° 44'N 20° 20'E	0016	8000
To DZ #4 (Actual resupply DZ)		
At 41° 27'N 20° 23'E	0035	6400
To DZ #5 (Leaflets on Elbasan)		
At 41° 01'N 20° 01'E	0101	8000
To DZ #6 (Leaflets on Lushnje)		
At 40° 50'N 19° 39'E	0110	8000
To exit from Albania		
At 40° 47'N 19° 21'E	0116	10000
To 40° 40'N 18° 50'E	0124	8000
To 39° 52'N 19° 24'E	0148	8000
To 39° 14'N 20° 10'E	0205	8000
To 38° 50'N 20° 41'E	0217	8000
To 38° 20'N 21° 51'E	0241	8000
To 39° 14'N 20° 10'E	0300	4000
To Athens	0320	

The total flight time was six hours and fifteen minutes, including one hour and twenty-one minutes over Albania. Twelve minutes were spent over DZ #3 as BGFriend personnel felt there was a possibility that Apple Tree Team might have sent in the wrong HTRegale grid numbers. However, the DZ was located at DZ #4, the same area which the crew reported having

having searched the previous night.

3. Ten cases of "Symbol" leaflets, six gummed and four ungummed, weighing 1100 pounds, were dropped, one each at DZs 1 and 2, and four each at Elbasan and Lushnje. The uneven distribution was occasioned by the fact the crew were instructed to return with five cases if they were unable to locate the DZ. The same resupply load, consisting of four bundles, was dropped at DZ #4.

4. Radio communication was satisfactory until the time for frequency change. When the W/T operator made the change he lost contact with the base and reverted to the former frequency. Contact was reestablished but faded out after the resupply drop and the remainder of the trip was completed in radio silence.

5. The weather was clear with good visibility over Albania.

6. No enemy action was encountered.

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Attachment 5 to Σ 1

Container #1 - 54" 103 Lb. Canvas Container

- 1 Lathi
- 2 Lathi clips
- 2 RS-5 batteries
- 1 pr. cotton trousers
- 1 woolen undershirt
- 1 woolen underpants (long)
- 1 cotton shirt
- 2 field jackets
- 2 ponchos
- 1 sweater
- 1 pr. gloves
- 1 cap
- 1 overcoat
- 1 heavy woolen shirt
- 1 heavy woolen trousers
- 2 pr. heavy socks
- 8 lbs. rice
- 4 lbs. macaroni
- 4 lbs. white flour
- 6 lbs. cheese
- 8 leaves bread
- 200 rnds. 9 mm ammo.
- 1 rifle
- 60 rnds. rifle ammo.
- 1 pr. shoes
- 25 gold pounds

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Attachment 3 to 5

Container #2 - 44" 95 lb. Canvas Container

- 1 Lathi
- 2 Lathi clips
- 1 Schmeisser
- 2 Schmeisser clips
- 2 RS-5 batteries
- 1 pr. cotton trousers
- 1 cotton shirt
- 1 wollen undershirt
- 1 wollen underpants
- 1 field jacket
- 1 poncho
- 12 lbs. flour (white)
- 4 lbs rice
- 4 lbs. macaroni
- 6 lbs. cheese
- 8 loaves bread
- 200 rnds. 9 mm ammo.
- 1 woolen shirt
- 1 woolen trousers
- 2 pr. woolen socks
- 1 cap
- 1 pr. gloves
- 1 overcoat
- 1 sweater

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Attachment 3 to

Container #3 - 44" 95 lb. Canvas Container

- 1 Schmeisser
- 2 Schmeisser clips
- 1 Lathi
- 2 Lathi clips
- 200 rnds. 9 mm ammo.
- 1 transmitter for RS-1
- 2 batteries for RS-5
- 1 pr. cotton trousers
- 1 cotton shirt
- 1 woolen undershirt
- 1 woolen underpants
- 2 pr. shoes
- 4 lbs. rice
- 4 lbs. macaroni
- 12 lbs. flour
- 4 lbs. sugar
- 1 woolen trousers
- 1 woolen shirt
- 2 pr. woolen socks
- 1 overcoat
- 1 cap
- 1 pr. gloves
- 1 sweater
- 25 gold pounds

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Attachment 3 to

Container #4 - 54" 92 Lb. Canvas Container

1 Complete RS-1 with spare parts

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